



Chapter _____ 1248 _____

Dear NARFE Chapter President,

The 57th State Convention for the Texas Federation of Chapters (TFC) to be held in Amarillo on April 25-28, 2013, is being hosted by the chapters of District 11: Palo Duro Chapter 1248 in Amarillo, Lubbock Chapter 244 in Lubbock, and Permian Basin Chapter 1281 in Midland.

We hope that all Texas state chapters will participate in the convention by sending delegates and placing advertisements in the convention program.

The convention will be held at the Ambassador Hotel at 3100 West I-40 in Amarillo. The Ambassador is conveniently located on the west-bound I-40 frontage road just west of Georgia Street (Exit 68B). The hotel provides shuttle service from the airport and suggests calling ahead to schedule a pickup time. The hotel has some handicapped rooms available, but they do not have wheel-chair accessible showers. There are some other motels in the area with wheel-chair accessible showers, one is the Big Texan Steak Ranch & Motel (www.bigtexan.com) located on I-40. If you need help locating such a room, please call me.

The basic schedule for the convention is:

- April 25, Thursday – TFC Exec. Board meetings, Committee meetings, & Registration
- April 26, Friday – Convention meetings, lunch provided, & vendor booths
- April 27, Saturday – Convention meetings, dinner provided, & vendor booths
- April 28, Sunday – Convention closing activities

In addition, we have outside activities planned before and after convention activities:

- April 24, Wednesday – Tour to Palo Duro Canyon & Panhandle Plains Historical Museum
- April 25, Thursday – Dinner & ranch activities at River Breaks Ranch
- Thursday & Friday evenings – Rooms available for visiting and games

Enclosed with this letter is: a Convention Information write-up, a Convention Registration form, an Activities Sign-up form, a Hotel Registration form, Convention Program information with Order Invoice and ad size sheet, and coupons for a local RV park. All of these forms may be duplicated.

Please contact me by phone at (806) 353-8255 or e-mail at txbigham@yahoo.com, if you have any questions. I will help you in any way I can.

Sincerely,

Terry Bigham

Assistant Convention Chairman

**National Active and Retired
Federal Employees Association**

TX FEDERATION CONVENTION INFORMATION 2013

NARFE Palo Duro Chapter 1248 in Amarillo and its fellow District chapters, Lubbock Chapter 244 in Lubbock and Permian Basin Chapter 1281 in Midland, are proud to host the 57th NARFE TFC Convention in Amarillo, Texas on April 25-28, 2013 (Thursday-Sunday).

The convention will be held at the Ambassador Hotel located at 3100 West I-40, Amarillo, Texas, 79102. The Ambassador Hotel is conveniently located on the west-bound I-40 frontage road just west of Georgia Street (Exit 68B). The Ambassador Hotel is a non-smoking facility. Smoking is only allowed in the TGI Friday's restaurant located on the ground floor or outside of the building. The nearby area offers a wide variety of restaurants and shopping opportunities.

The convention room rate is \$99 + tax for single or double occupancy. There will be a \$10 charge for each additional guest in a room. The room rate includes a full hot breakfast buffet for each occupant. The hotel will honor the convention room rate for two days before and two days after the convention dates. The hotel is taking reservations now and rooms are available on a "first come, first served" basis. We recommend early registration. To make reservations call 1-800-817-0521, fax the hotel registration form to 1-806-358-4902, or send an e-mail to aurias@ambassadoramarillo.com. You need to mention "NARFE" or "National Active and Retired Federal Employees" when making reservations to receive the convention rate. Online registration is not yet available for the convention rate.

The convention fee for NARFE members is \$80 which includes a luncheon on Friday and a steak and chicken dinner for the Saturday night banquet. Guests of NARFE members will be charged \$45 if they wish to participate in the luncheon and dinner.

We have planned activities for Wednesday, April 24, and Thursday evening, April 25. On Wednesday (before the start of the convention), we will have a bus tour to Palo Duro Canyon State Park, lunch at Feldman's Wrong Way Diner in Canyon (your expense), and visit to Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. Wednesday's tour is expected to take 7-9 hours and costs \$45. On Thursday evening, we have a bus trip to nearby River Breaks Ranch for covered wagon rides, team roping, horse racing with "betting", and a chicken fried steak dinner. Thursday's dinner trip is expected to take 4-5 hours and costs \$60.

During the convention, we will have entertainment by cast members from the musical "Texas", a local quartet called Dynamite, and the Kwahadi Indian dancers (Boy Scout members). Spaces will be available in the hotel to get together to visit and play games, including cards, dominos, chicken foot, etc.

For those who might wish to bring RV's, we have many RV parks in the area. One of the nicest is Fort Amarillo RV Resort, which is supporting our convention. They are located close to I-40 on the west edge of Amarillo and have a very nice gift shop called Lizzie Mae's. You can visit their website at www.fortrvparks.com or call 806-331-1700.

Please mark the convention dates on your calendar and make plans to attend. We hope you will allow extra time during your visit to Amarillo to see some of our area attractions, such as Palo Duro Canyon State Park, 6th Street on Historic Route 66, Panhandle Plains Historical Museum, Kwahadi Museum of the American Indian, and Amarillo Quarter Horse Hall of Fame and Museum.

Please visit these internet sites for more information on our local attractions:

www.visitamarillotx.com

www.amarillo66.com

www.route66amarillo.com

www.panhandleplains.org

www.kwahadi.com

www.aqha.com/foundation/museum

www.palodurocanyon.com

www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/palo-duro

REGISTRATION FORM
57TH NARFE Texas Federation Convention
April 25-28, 2013 – Amarillo, Texas

Complete one form for each attendee. Make check payable to "NARFE 1248 Convention" and mail with Registration Form to:

NARFE 1248 Convention
P.O. Box 3602
Amarillo, TX 79116-3602

Please Print

Attendee Information:

First Name _____ MI _____

Last Name _____

Name Preferred on Name Tag _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Chapter No. _____ Chapter Name _____

Telephone:

Attendee Status (check appropriate boxes):

NARFE member _____ Guest _____ First time attendee _____

Registration Fees:

Registration fee for NARFE members is \$80, which includes a lunch on Friday and a steak and chicken dinner on Saturday. Deadline for registration is April 1, 2013. There will be an additional \$10 late fee added to the registration fee after that date.

The fee for guests of NARFE members who wish to participate in the luncheon and dinner will be \$45.

Special dietary needs _____

NARFE 2013 Convention – Activities Sign-up Form

Palo Duro Canyon & Panhandle Plains Historical Museum (PPHM)

Wednesday, April 24 – We have a full day of activity planned with a guided bus tour through beautiful Palo Duro Canyon State Park in the morning, lunch at Feldman’s Wrong Way Diner in Canyon, and a visit to Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. Wednesday Tour cost is \$45 and covers all expenses, except the lunch. Attendees will select and pay for their own lunches at Feldman’s. Plan on 7-9 hours for the day. Visit these sites for more information on these locations: www.palodurocanyon.com, www.panhandleplains.org, and www.feldmansdiner.com

Dinner and Ranch Activities at River Breaks Ranch

Thursday, April 25 – We have an evening of fun and food planned, including a ride in covered wagons, team roping demonstrations, horse racing, and a chicken fried steak dinner. River Breaks provides “Ranch Bucks” to use in betting on the horse races. The Ranch Bucks can be redeemed for discounts in the gift shop. Transportation will be provided by bus. Plan on 4-5 hours for the evening. River Breaks cost is \$60 and covers all expenses. Visit www.riverbreaks.com for more information.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Cost</u>		<u>No. of Attendees</u>	<u>Total</u>
Wednesday Tour	\$45	x	_____	_____
River Breaks Ranch	\$60	x	_____	_____
	Total Activity Cost			_____

Make check payable to “NARFE 1248 Convention” and mail with Sign-up Form to: NARFE 1248 Convention, P.O. Box 3602, Amarillo, TX 79116-3602

Attendees Information (Please Print):

Attendee’s Name _____

Additional Attendees _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

E-Mail:

HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM
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The Convention will be held at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo, Texas. You may make reservations by phone, fax, E-mail, or mail. Mention "NARFE" or "National Active and Retired Federal Employees" to receive the Convention room rate. The Convention room rate is good for two days before and two days after the Convention.

Convention room rate is \$99 + tax, for single or double occupancy. There is a \$10 charge per day for each additional room occupant. This includes a free hot breakfast buffet for each occupant. All rooms are non-smoking. Check-in time is after 3:00 p.m. Check-out time is by 11:00 a.m.

Hotel Information:

Phone No. 1-800-817-0521 Fax No. 1-806-358-4902

E-mail address aurias@ambassadoramarillo.com

Mailing address Ambassador Hotel, 3100 I-40 West, Amarillo, TX 79102

Registration information (Please Print):

Name _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone No. _____ E-mail address _____

Check-in date _____ Check-out date _____

Room occupancy: Single _____ Double _____ Add'l occupants _____

Bed size requested: Two queen beds _____ One king bed _____

Handicap facility _____

Other requests _____

We recommend **EARLY REGISTRATION**. A credit card will hold your registration. If you pay by cash or check, you are required to pay a deposit equal to the room rate + tax for the first night of reservation.

Credit Card Type: Discover _____ MC _____ Visa _____ American Exp. _____

Credit Card No. _____ Exp. date _____

Signature _____

Fort Amarillo RV Resort is supporting our convention. They have purchased a discount coupon for the RV park and for Lizzie Mae's gift shop located on premises. They have also donated a door prize with a gift certificate.

The manager has given us permission to send these coupons out to the chapters and for the members of the chapter to reproduce the coupons for any members who wish to us them.

For more information please call 806-331-1700 or visit their website at www.fortrvparks.com.



**FORT
AMARILLO
RV RESORT**

DIRECTIONS



Phone # 806-331-1700
10101 Amarillo Blvd W.
Amarillo TX 79124

**\$10
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per night with this coupon.

Not valid with any other offer or discount.
Some restrictions apply.
exp. 5/31/13

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GIFTS AND
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this coupon.
exp. 5/31/13

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CLOSED SUNDAYS

DIRECTIONS



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To all NARFE Chapters
Re TFC 2013 State Convention

06 November 2012

Please share this information with your active and retired members and make as many copies of the enclosed forms as needed.

This letter constitutes an addenda to information previously submitted. If you will provide us at least one e-mail contact per chapter we will send additional information as it develops.

- The Saturday evening dinner theme will be the old west and dress is western casual. The entertainment will be the Kwahadi Indian Dancers, a local Boy Scout group in existence since 1945 who have performed nationally and internationally.
- PULL TABS You may turn in your pull tabs to your local Ronald McDonald House and receive a receipt for the weight of the tabs which you can turn in at the convention OR you can sell the tabs to a local scrap dealer and turn in the weight and the check at the convention OR you can bring your pull tabs to the convention.
- The following are deadline dates:

Convention registration, 01 April 2013

Hotel registration, 05 April 2013 to get convention rate

Program ads, 01 March 2013

Palo Duro-High Plains Historical Museum, 01 April 2013

River Breaks Ranch, 01 April 2013

We look forward to seeing you on Route 66 at the convention.

Your convention committee



e-mail: curt@riverbreaks.com
www.riverbreaks.com

Come visit River Breaks Ranch and get a taste of the real cowboy lifestyle. With just a 10-minute drive from Amarillo, you will see the skilled Cowboys of River Breaks Ranch demonstrate the art of team roping. Team Roping is an age-old event that was developed by the working cowboys on the open range. Originally cowboys used the skill of team roping to doctor sick cattle that were too far from the pens. As the event has evolved over the years, it has become a staple on the ranch and in the arena. You might have seen team roping on television or at some of the major rodeos around the country.

After the roping, you will load onto our wagons that will take you on a 20-minute trail ride through the canyon. This experience will allow you to see exactly what the settlers must have faced crossing vast distances of the Texas Panhandle. On your ride you will enjoy the scenery that displays the famous Spanish skirts of the Canadian River Breaks, but the excitement isn't over. Along the ride, a roaring stampede will storm past.

Then join the working cowboys for a real ranch dinner. On your special evening, you will dine on a mouth watering chicken fried steak dinner. With baked potatoes, homemade biscuits and fresh garden salad. No meal would be complete without River Breaks award winning fruit cobbler.

The fun does not end there, at the campsite you will be entertained by horse races. Each guest will be given a packet of Ranch Bucks to use for betting on the races. Nothing compares to the thrill of cheering your horse to the finish line. There will be 5 horse races with a trophy presentation to the high money winner.

Don't let this excursion pass you by. This might be a once in a lifetime Texan adventure.